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DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL REGULATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Other draft amendments

Deletion of absorbent packing material requirement for solid infectious substances

Transmitted by the Expert from the United States of America

1. Packing Instruction 620 (infectious substances) currently requires that an absorbent material be placed in infectious substance packagings between the primary receptacle(s) and the secondary packaging "in sufficient quantity to absorb the entire contents" of the packaging in case of a leak or breakage of the primary receptacle(s). It is proposed that text be added to the instruction to clarify that this requirement does not apply to solid infectious substances.

2. It is proposed that the following underlined words be added to paragraph (a)(iii) of Packing Instruction 620:

(iii) "other than for solid infectious substances, an absorbent material. . ."